

NUTRITION \$EN\$E

Students Encouraging Nutritious Snacks Everyday in Montana High Schools

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"Changing the Scene" Improvement Checklist Component # 3

All foods & beverages that are available at school contribute to meeting the dietary needs of students...





Timeline

November 2001 through September 2003

TEAM Nutrition



Purpose

- Involve students in an innovative sales project centered on nutritious foods & beverages
- Increase availability of nutritious items sold by student stores
- Learn successful sales strategies to promote the sale of nutritious items -Toolkit Development
- Explore food and nutrition career component

New State Partnerships...

Office of Public InstructionSchool Nutrition Programs and Division of Career & Technical & Adult Education



TEAM Nutrition

New Team Nutrition Partnerships...

- Future Farmers of America (FFA)
- Family, Career, Community Leadership Association (FCCLA)
- An Association of Marketing Students (DECA)
- School To Work Programs



Phase I – Pilot Project

- Nov 01 May 03
- 5 High Schools (AA, A, B, C, & Career Center)
- Training & Technical Assistance
- \$3,000 Honorarium/Support
- Develop Nutrition \$EN\$E Toolkit

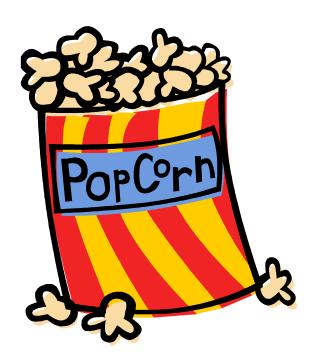
Pilot School Support

- Educate Students on Nutrition
 Topics (health, food safety, food)
- Equipment Needs, Vendors
- Healthful foods and beverages
- Business Plan, Budget
- Marketing Ideas/Promotions

Phase II – Mini-Grant Program

- Nov 02 June 03
- 13 Schools (2 Elem., 2 M.S., 9 H.S.)
- \$500 Award
- Training & Technical Assistance
- Develop Nutrition \$EN\$E Toolkit

Training Tool Kit



- Food/Beverage Product List
- Food Safety Tips
- Procurement Tips
- Vendors (Montana Made)
- Sales Strategies
- Promotional Materials

Healthful Grab N Go Items

- Sun Chips, Popcorn
- Trail Mix/Pretzels
- Beef Jerky
- String Cheese
- Yogurt/Pudding
- Smoothies
- Fruit/Vegetables
- Water, Milk, 100%

 Juice



Key Concepts & Considerations

- Food Safety Practices
- Equipment Needs
- Availability of Products
- Marketing Efforts

- Market Research
- Food Product List
- Storage Space
- Store Hours
- Price Structuring



EVALUATION

Students Will Purchase
Healthful Foods and
Beverages If They Are
Readily Accessible and
Reasonably Priced

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TEAM Nutrition Frame

What Else Have We Learned?

- Goals need to go beyond \$\$\$\$
- New Store Versus Existing Store
- Food Safety
- Price Structuring
- Limit Financial Support

- Food Procurement Limitations
- Food Service Partnership Opportunities
- Vending Options Needed



Tool Kit Coming This Summer!

Check out Montana Office of Public Instruction Website:

www.opi.state.mt.us

Who Benefits?

STUDENTS



Recommend Nutrition-Education Partnerships





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